Your Class Team

Class Teacher – Mrs Holmes

Class TA – Mrs Donnebaer, Miss Elliott

INA's – Mrs Thompson

Topic – My life story

Literacy

We will begin this term with a focus on developing listening and attention skills, ensuring the children are attuned to the sounds around them and ready to begin developing oral blending and segmenting skills, before going on to learn our first six letters: s, a, t, p, i, n. Once the children know and recognise these they can begin to read some cvc (consonant, vowel, consonant) words, such as pin, sat, pat, tap.

We will begin the children early writing skills with lots of opportunities for mark making, developing their fine motor skills to get them ready to hold a pencil. When we feel the children are ready we will begin forming each new sound as well as lots of encouragement with name writing.

Expressive arts and design

We encourage the children to be imaginative and to explore and use different media and materials every day. The children will also be able to express their ideas through dance and music and through role play in our under the sea area.

Communication and language

We will play lots of listening games and share a rich variety of stories, rhymes and songs to help develop listening skills. The children will engage in story times every day, with opportunities not just to listen and talk about the stories they hear but also to retell them once they become very familiar. The children will also be developing the key skill of maintaining attention in small groups as well as in whole class activities.

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Physical Development

Our main focus will be on developing the children's Fine and Gross motor skills. We will be doing lots of threading, weaving, pouring, crawling and climbing to develop these to allow us to improve our overall strength and pencil grip.

PE is on a Wednesday and we will be focusing on gymnastics. The children will get changed for PE in school so please can we ask that they have their PE kits with them on a Wednesday morning.

RE

In term one, we will be thinking about belonging and what makes us special. In term 2, we will be exploring why Christians perform Nativity plays.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, our focus is on developing a deep understanding of number and numerical pattern, which will give the children a strong foundation for mathematics. This term, we will be developing our subitising and counting skills, and will be exploring the composition of numbers within five, learning to spot smaller numbers 'hiding' inside larger numbers. We will begin to compare sets of objects and use the language of comparison in learning and play.

Understanding the world

The children will be taking part in many topic-related activities that will help develop their understanding of the world. Such as drawing and writing about our families, homes and pets; drawing maps of our journey to school; finding out more about where we live and our school through first-hand observational walks and investigations within the school grounds.

Well-being

Our focus this term is very much on settling into school life and understanding the different routines that come with it. We will do this through getting to know each other and the wider school, talking about ourselves, recognising and identifying emotions, organising our own belongings and seeing ourselves as important individuals.